## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES R. GLIDEWELL DENTAL CERAMICS, INC. DBA GLIDEWELL LABORATORIES, a California corporation,

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant

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KEATING DENTAL ARTS, INC., a California corporation,

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff.

Case No. SACV11-01309-DOC(ANx)

DECLARATION OF LEONARD TACHNER IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ITS ANSWER A SECOND TIME With Exhibits 1 and 2

# DECLARATION OF LEONARD TACHNER

- I, Leonard Tachner, do hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am Plaintiff's counsel in this Action.

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2. On or about March 20, 2012, acting on Plaintiff's behalf, I served on Defendant's then counsel Mark Holland, a First Set of Requests for Production. Among such requests were:

### **REQUEST NO. 19:**

All Documents and Things relating to any likelihood of confusion between KDZ BRUXER and another other designation.

### **REQUEST NO. 30:**

All Documents and Things relating to any instance of actual confusion in connection with the use of the designation KDZ BRUXER.

3. In his written response served on May 18, 2012, Mr. Holland agreed "to produce records of any and all communications received by Defendant that include the term BRUXIR, BRUXZER and/or BRUXZIR, along with documents and things that confirm the inclusion of those terms are not evidence of any "confusion" by the customers (dentists) ordering Defendant's products". On Monday May 21, Mr. Holland and I met at Defendant Keating's facilities and I was shown, among other things, a list of some 50 orders of KDZ BRUXER products referring to Plaintiff's BRUXZIR® trademark and for which phone calls were made by Keating personnel to clarify that the customer wanted or would accept the Keating product and not a Glidewell Laboratories "BRUXZIR" product. Mr. Holland agreed to produce a copy of that list and corresponding order sheets or comparable information showing the customer's identity and why such a call was necessary.

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- 4. On June 6, I sent an email to Mr. Holland reminding him of his agreement to produce these documents and informing him that I had not yet received them. Mr. Holland, on June 6, stated "they will be served. I hope to send them to you tomorrow." Two days later I received Mr. Holland's email message in which he stated "Sorry for a slight further delay. I am trying to confirm that we have located ALL of the docs at issue. I should be able to send them to you this afternoon."
- 5. A disc containing the requested documents was finally served by substitute and current counsel Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP on August 13, 2012, almost five months after they were initially requested. The subject documents consist of more than 50 orders to Defendant Keating from its dentist customers ordering a full contour zirconia crown, many employing Plaintiff's registered trademark BRUXZIR<sup>®</sup>. A redacted sample of these documents (one dated May 2011) is enclosed herewith as Exhibit 1. (Defendant stamped "Confidential-Attorney's Eyes Only" on each such document). More than 50 additional such order documents, each employing BRUXZIR or other confusion-based versions of Plaintiff's trademark were served in August. The latest date on such documents (a redacted sample thereof enclosed herein as Exhibit 2) is May 2012. Clearly, Defendant had accumulated all of these 50+ confused orders and retained them in its possession during the period May 2011 to May 2012. At no time during that extensive period, including virtually the first ten months of this Action after Plaintiff filed its Complaint, (Plaintiff filed on August 31, 2011) had Defendant asserted any allegation of genericness of Plaintiff's mark

BRUXZIR®. Only now does Defendant Keating assert the defense 1 of alleged genericness of BRUXZIR® relying primarily on those 2 same documents which substitute counsel claims to be newly 3 discovered evidence. 5 6 I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of 7 America, that the foregoing is true and correct. 8 9 10 Dated September 19, 2012 Respectfully submitted, 11 /s/ Leonard Tachner/ 12 Leonard Tachner Attorney for Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant 13 James R. Glidewell Dental Ceramics, Inc. 14 dba Glidewell Laboratories 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I am a resident of the state of California, I am over the age of 18 years, and I am not a party to this lawsuit. My business address is 17961 Sky Park Circle, Suite 38-E, Irvine, California 92614. On September 19, 2012, I served the following document(s) in the manner indicated:

- 1. DECLARATION OF LEONARD TACHNER IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ITS ANSWER A SECOND TIME With Exhibits 1 and 2
- via electronic means by the Court's electronic filing system CM/ECF.
- by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope to the person at the address set forth below by postage prepaid United States First Class United States mail on the same date set out below.

Lynda J. Zadra-Symes Jeffrey L. Van Hoosear Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP 2040 Main Street, Fourteenth Floor Irvine, CA 92614

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed September 19, 2012 at Irvine, California.

By: /s/ Jodie Miller

Jodie Miller

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE